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**STATEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT YBARRA
REGARDING FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN**

(BOISE) – With the release of the report and recommendations from the Literacy Committee, Superintendent Ybarra offers the following statement to provide clarity regarding optional or mandated full-day kindergarten:

“My public schools budget demonstrates support of the recommendations brought forward by the Literacy Committee, on a variety of items, one of which recommended full-day kindergarten. The early years lay the foundation for learning. As the State’s educational leader, it is my goal to offer the best possible opportunities for children. This effort must remain optional. Over 40 districts and charter schools across the state already take the opportunity to operate a full-day kindergarten either as an intervention service, or as a choice to parents—in the spirit of local control this should remain optional and is a decision best made by local districts and their communities.”

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